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Group Art Unit 3682In re  
Patent Application of: Herve H. Dourlens

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Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

Title: "BEARING ASSEMBLY AND  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified  
application (the "Pending Application") as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.****Remarks begin on page 6.****Conclusions begin on page 8.**

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### Conclusions

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth in this Amendment and Response to Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that the Pending Application, including new Claims 62-81, is in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, and the Pending Application be allowed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such contact would in any way facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,


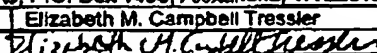
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